(c) what provisions have been made for construction of new roads after the acquisition; and

(d) if there are no provisions for acquisition, the State-wise details of the action taken against the officers involved in cosntruction of such roads?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) envisages construction of new roads to unconnected habitations and upgradation of the existing Through Routes earlier constructed by PWD and other Government agencies, if such Through Routes are part of the core-network prepared for the districts concerned and meet the eligibility norms prescribed in programme guidelines.

(b) to (d) 'Rural Roads' is a State subject. the responsibility of providing land, free of encumbrances, for construction of roads under PMGSY rests with the State Government concerned. Acquisition of land is not covered under PMGSY. Therefore, the Ministry of Rural Development does not maintain information on issues relating to acquisition of land for PMGSY works.

Forwarding of proposals for R.W.S. and Environmental Sanitation Project of A.P. to World Bank.

2392. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal from State Government of Andhra Pradesh regarding Rural Drinking Water Supply and Environmental Sanitation Project for forwarding them to the World Bank through the Department of Economic Affairs (DEA);

(b) if so, the status of the above said proposal;

(c) the reasons for delay in forwarding the above said proposal to DEA; and

(d) by when the above said proposal will be sent to the World Bank?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The proposal of Rural Drinking Water Supply and Environmental Sanitation Project from the Government of Andhra Pradesh was received in May 2004 by the Department of Drinking Water Supply, for posing to the World Bank through Department of Economic Affairs. The same was examined and returned to the State Government on 11th October 2004 to re-cast and include the concepts of decentralized service delivery for rural water as in Swajaldhara guidelines. The revised proposal is awaited.

Allocation of more funds under PMGSY to Gujarat

2393. SHRI LEKHRAJ BACHANI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Gujarat has asked Government for allocation of more funds and upgradation for Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana;

(b) whether in this scheme Gujarat has been put to a disadvantageous position as allocation of grant is on the basis of habitations remaining to be connecfted;

(c) whether as a result, these roads are not near the standard envisaged in the PMGSY; and

(d) whether Government would give allocation weightage during allotment of amount to State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana aims at providing connectivity to hitherto unconnected habitations with designated population size in the country. Keeping this objective in view, priority is given to New Connectivity to unconnected habitatins, over upgradation of existing roads, and accordingly, funds are allocated. Modification of this principle would adversely affect the objective of the Programme. The technical specification of the roads which are not under PMGSY could be different from the specification adopted for the PMGSY road works.